

In Loving Memory of *Julia Forte*  
***Lonnie Ray Henderson***



Returned into God's  
Loving Hands  
September 18, 2008

Received from God's  
Loving Hands  
February 19, 1946

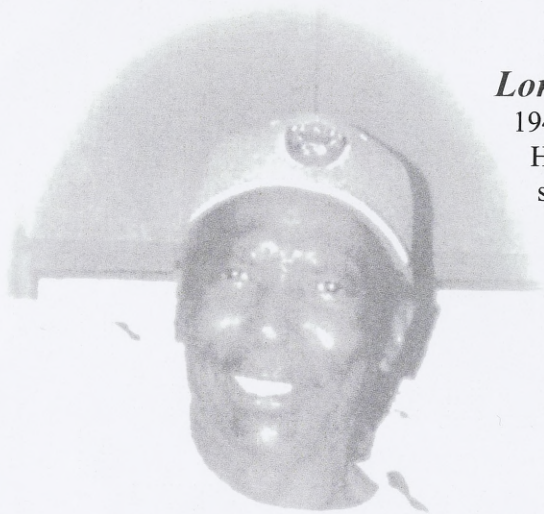


**Services**

Saturday, September 27, 2008 – 10:00am  
Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries  
455 24<sup>th</sup> Street Richmond, California  
Reverend Derrick Jackson ~ Officiating



# Obituary



**Lonnie Ray Henderson** was born on February 19, 1946 to the proud parents of Roosevelt and Odies Virginia Henderson, in Richmond California. Growing up in a spiritual home, Ray joined Providence Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized at an early age. He attended schools in the Richmond school district and graduated in 1963 from Harry Ells High School.

In 1963, Ray was inducted into the United States Army where he fought in one of the longest military conflicts in U.S. history: the Vietnam War. During the war, millions of American soldiers lost their lives, but faith and prayer carried Ray through, and he courageously completed two separate tours of duty: the first, from November 9, 1961 to November 4, 1964, and the second, from February 28, 1967 to February 27, 1970. In total, Ray served his country faithfully for more than six years, never flinching from his duty; and at the close of the war received a Purple Heart and an honorable discharge. Following his military career, Ray returned to Richmond where he worked with his father (Daddy Roosevelt) for several years at the Bethlehem Steel Mill. He later worked at Standard Oil Refinery, also in Richmond, and for Fuller Range Company as a long-haul driver.

Ray, also affectionately known as Sinclair, was a kind-hearted and giving man. If you asked him for anything, and he had it, he would give it to you with no problem. His family was his pride and joy and he kept in touch with everyone constantly with daily calls from his cell phone and personal visits. Always the gentlemen, Ray rarely raised his voice or got angry. He was the kind of man that loved everybody and everybody loved him. To say that he will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him does not even touch the surface.

On September 20, 2008, God whispered into Ray's ear and called him Home. He leaves to cherish his memory five children: Anthony Ray Henderson (Renee) and Edward S. Henderson of Oakland, CA; Nicole Henderson of Antioch, CA; and Eric Henderson and Derrick Henderson of Richmond, CA. Also left to treasure Ray's memory are twelve grandchildren: Robert, Virgil, Anthony, Shawntriana, Jalen, Aaron, Justice, Edward, Lyrick, Jasmine, Aiyana, Jawan; one great-grand child: Malaki; Five sisters: Constance Faye Henderson, Charlotte Henderson, Carol Henderson, and Lurla Morrison, all of Richmond CA; and Lee Donya Rose, New Boston, TX; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The story of Lonnie Ray Henderson cannot end without letting you know that he rededicated his life to the Lord Jesus Christ in September 2008. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!



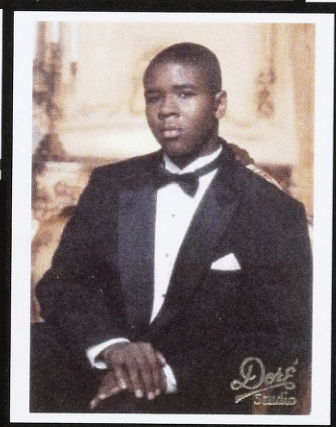
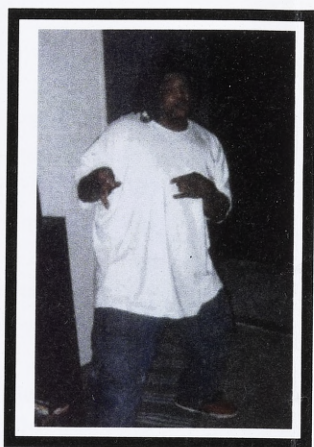
## *Dearest Uncle Sexy,*

I'm truly happy I was able to spend these years with you. I just feel so bad that through out all the jokes and smiles, I never really knew all the pain you was going through until your finals days. But I can hear your voice now saying "watcha crying fa, sexy?" And it's not 'cause your gone, 'cause I know God did what was best for you. But !'m crying 'cause I don't have my own personal entertainment anymore. That might sound selfish; but you kept me laughing and smiling with your effortless jokes, including the comb you sent me from the hospital. That was an inside joke wasn't it? You were telling me I had nappy hair, huh?? You are a complete mess. Ha ha! Man, have we had sum funny times!! For you to be an "OG", I can really say you were the hippest out...:-d [{"lean back"}] :-)

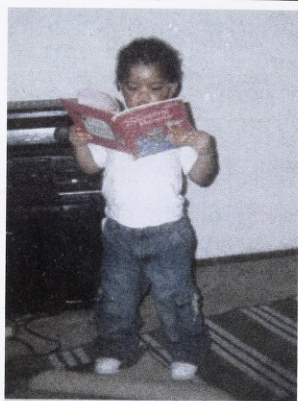
Who would have thought that would be your favorite ring-tone too? And I must admit, you do have a tad bit of swag. You are my favorite uncle and no one could take your place or even come close. I love you past death and never seen this day coming. I know you're in a better place now and the good life couldn't be better then the life you are about to live.

~Love always  
Your Niece, Sexy (chichi)

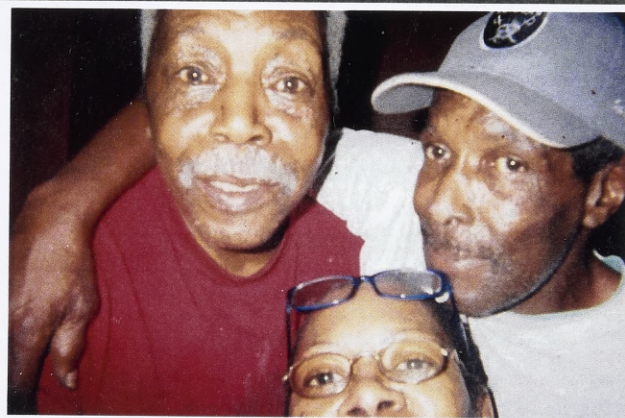
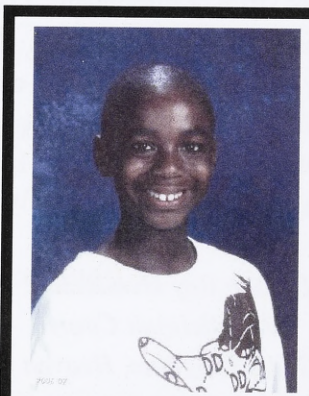








I'll miss you  
g-grand-pa,  
Good night





## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me,  
for now I'm free  
I'm following the path  
God laid for me.

I took His hand when  
I heard His call  
I turned my back  
and left it all.

I could not stay  
another day,  
to laugh, to love,  
to work or pray.  
Tasks left undone  
must stay that way,  
I found that peace  
at the close of day.

If my parting  
has left a void,  
Then fill it with  
remembered joy.

Perhaps my time has  
seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now  
with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts,  
and share with me  
God wanted me now,  
He set me Free.

~Love Always  
Your Nephew  
Brian Johnson

## *Lonnie Ray Henderson Change of Address Notice:*

Dearest Family and Friends,

I wanted to let you know that  
I've moved. My Heavenly Father  
whom informed me that my new home  
was ready and that I could move  
immediately received me.

Now that my new home is finished, it  
is a beautiful sight to behold. It is  
located in an exclusive area just off a  
serene celestial shore, and it sits behind  
a beautiful Pearly White Gate. Of  
course, the streets are paved with gold  
and everyday is Sunday.

There is Peace, Love, Joy and  
Happiness here. There is no more pain  
to bear, or strife or discontent. There is  
only sweet serenity everywhere. We  
all know that I could go on, and on,  
and on about my new home, But I have  
to get fitted for my new wings. Let me  
give you my new address:

*Lonnie Ray Henderson  
10 Hallelujah Court  
God's Kingdom, Heaven*

P.S. I don't have a phone number yet,  
but just call God and ask for me. If you  
don't have His number, He is listed in  
the Bible on every page.

# Order of Service

Processional .....

Prayer .....

Derrick Jackson

Scripture .....

Anthony Creer

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection .....

*Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross*  
Denise Osborne

Acknowledgments .....

Andrae Wise

Cards & Condolences

Obituary .....

Michelle Creer

Poem .....

Brian Johnson

Poem .....

Javonae' Eilvo

Expressions & Reflections .....

Friends & Family

(2/minutes, Please)

Musical Selection .....

Yolanda Adams

Eulogy .....

*The Battle is The Lord's*

Derrick Jackson

Final Viewing .....

*Matt 25: 2, 3  
The Holy Oil  
Vigil*

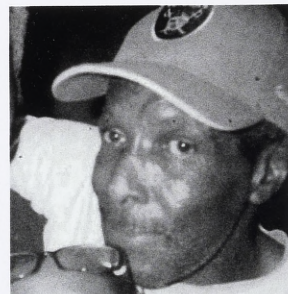
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Recessional .....

Funeral Services Provided by  
Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries  
Richmond, California

Internment  
Rolling Hills Memorial Park  
Richmond California

Lonnie Ray,  
a.k.a Uncle Sexy,  
a.k.a. Sinclair,  
You will truly be missed!





## *Active Pallbearers*

TiAndre Cook  
Arnell Banks  
*Rudolpho James*

Brian Johnson  
Travis Mills  
*Damon Wise*

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Aaron Henderson  
Anthony Henderson  
Lanny Kelly  
Virgil Leach Jaylan

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of Lonnie Ray Henderson wished to thank their many friends and love ones for all expressions of kindness shown to them. Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair: perhaps you sent a card or dish of food: if so saw it there: perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say: perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much: whatever the part. May God Bless You

*~The Henderson Family*

